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L A W S OF M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. XCVI.

person or persons, he, she or they, shall enter into recognizance, with such security as the said justice shall approve, for his, her or their good behaviour for twelve months; and in case the said person or persons cannot find security as aforesaid within three days after his, her or their appearance before the justice as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the constable who served the said warrant to bring the party before any of the justices aforesaid, and upon his, her or their appearance, they shall enter into a recognizance as aforesaid for their appearance at the next criminal court of Baltimore county, and in case such person or persons cannot find security for their appearance as aforesaid within twenty-four hours after his, her or their appearance last aforesaid before the justices aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said constable who served the said warrant to bring the party or parties before the justice aforesaid, who shall thereupon commit the said party or parties to the alms-house of Baltimore county for any term not exceeding nine months; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to make the constable liable for accidents or escapes.

What persons are deemed vagrants, &c.

II. AND, to ascertain what persons shall be deemed vagrants, vagabonds and disorderly persons, within the intention of this act, BE IT ENACTED, That every person who has no visible means of maintenance from property or personal labour, and lives idle, without employment, and every person who wanders about and begs in the streets from door to door, and any person who wanders about and lodges in out-houses, market places, or in the open air, and cannot give a good account of the means by which he, she or they, procure a livelihood, and every woman who is generally reputed a common prostitute, and every juggler or fortune-teller, or common gambler, shall be adjudged a vagrant, vagabond, prostitute or disorderly person, within the meaning of this act.

Persons convicted may be sentenced to labour, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any person being convicted of being a vagrant, vagabond, common prostitute or disorderly person, within the provisions of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the court to sentence the person so convicted to hard labour in the alms-house for a space of time not less than one week, nor more than two months.

Commencement, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of April next, and shall continue for two years, and until the end of the next session of assembly that shall happen thereafter.

C H A P. XCVII.

Passed January 19, 1805.

An ACT to change the name of Jeremiah Perry to Jeremiah Perry Davis.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of William Smith Davis and Jeremiah Perry, of Baltimore county, that the said Jeremiah Perry is the only child of the wife of the said William Smith Davis by a former husband, and that the said Jeremiah Perry is desirous to change his name to Jeremiah Perry Davis, in consideration of which the said William Smith Davis intends to leave him his estate, both real and personal; therefore,

Name of J. Perry changed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the name of the said Jeremiah Perry is hereby changed to Jeremiah Perry Davis, and that name he shall hereafter bear and carry, and shall by the same be known and distinguished to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

C H A P. XCVIII.

Passed January 19, 1805.

An ACT to authorise the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money to build a bridge over the western branch, near the town of Upper-Marlborough.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying that a bridge may be built over the western branch, near the town of Upper-Marlborough, in said county; and the said prayer appearing reasonable, therefore,

Justices to levy money, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Prince-George's county be and they are hereby authorised and required to levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money, not exceeding the sum of eight hundred dollars, for the purpose of building a bridge over the western branch, in said county, near the town of Upper-Marlborough.